



Program Support

Total Request: \$237,200,000

ORF: \$182,481,000

PAC: \$39,319,000

Other, Mandatory: \$15,400,000 ¹

Program Support has been realigned into three subactivities:

- 1) Corporate Services (formerly known as Administration and Services),
- 2) Office of Marine and Aviation Operations (OMAO), and
- 3) Facilities.

Within Program Support, Corporate Services has been subdivided into a) Under Secretary and Associate Offices and b) Policy Formulation and Direction. OMAO's portion of Executive Direction and Administration funds has been moved to OMAO, along with Aircraft Services funds. This realignment provides a clearer linkage of administrative services to NOAA program activities.

¹ These costs are for the retired pay of NOAA Corps officers.

Overall, NOAA requests a total of \$237.2 million for Program Support, a net increase of \$78.2 million above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment includes a total of \$182.5 million for Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF) and \$39.3 million for Procurement, Acquisition, and Construction (PAC).

Corporate Services \$95.2 **million**

ORF: \$75,347,000

PAC: \$19,804,000

NOAA requests \$95.2 million for Corporate Services, a net increase of \$5.3 million over the FY 2001 Enacted level. This includes a total of \$75.3 million for ORF and \$19.8 million for PAC. Fundamental to NOAA's mission success is clarity of corporate vision, effectiveness of functional direction, and efficiency of operational support. The ORF amount includes funds for the Under Secretary and Associate Offices, Policy Formulation and Direction, and the Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions.

- **Under Secretary and Associate Offices** - The Under Secretary and Associate Offices line item includes resources to provide centralized executive management and decisions concerning: NOAA policy and planning objective; statutory, budget resources, and other legal requirements; congressional relations; public and educational affairs; and strategic planning.
- **Policy Formulation and Direction** - The Policy Formulation and Direction line item includes resources to: develop and implement policy and planning objectives; support development and acquisition of major NOAA modernization systems; provide individual program operations; promote corporate budget priorities and financial management; provide timely, high quality, and cost-effective administrative support to NOAA and the Department of Commerce field programs; and ensure compliance with laws, regulations and guidelines.
- **Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions** - The Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions is one part of a larger Department of Commerce Center of Excellence Initiative. Minorities are under-represented among the Nation's professional scientists and among NOAA's scientific personnel. This program will increase the number of students that graduate and receive training in the natural and physical sciences by establishing four Collaborative Science Centers.

Significant Adjustments to Base

Corporate Services requests a net increase of \$5.3 million to maintain current services and abate declining base resources from mandatory pay and inflation. Detailed estimates are as follows:



Mandatory Pay, Inflationary Costs, and Adjustments: \$6.4 million

NOAA requests an increase of \$6.4 million to fund Adjustments-to-Base (ATBs) for Corporate Services' base operations. The increase will fund the FY 2002 federal pay raise of 3.6 percent and annualize the FY 2001 pay raise of 3.8 percent. The increase also will provide mandatory inflationary increases for non-labor activities, including service contracts and rent charges from the General Services Administration (GSA). Also included is the transfer of the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research (OFCM) and its base funding of \$1.1 million from the National Weather Services to Corporate Services. The mission of this interdepartmental office is to ensure the effective use of federal meteorological resources by leading the systematic coordination of operational weather requirements and services and supporting research among 15 federal agencies.

Restoration of FY 2001 Rescission: \$324,000

NOAA requests an increase of \$324,000 to restore the FY 2001 rescission. This increase includes \$299,000 in ORF and \$25,000 in PAC. Restoration of these funds in FY 2002 is required to sustain Corporate Services' services. In FY 2002, Corporate Services will restore funding to provide critical training to office staff, purchase office supplies, and repair and maintain equipment.

Terminations: \$1.5 million

Corporate Services requests a decrease of \$1.5 million to reflect the completion of two Congressionally-directed, one-year activities: the NOAA study of NMFS' meeting its legal missions and requirements (\$748,000) and the National Academy of Sciences Oceanographic Study for OAR (\$748,000).

Detailed Program Changes by Sub-Activity

Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF)

Under Secretary and Associate Offices \$24.0 million

The total request of \$24.0 million for the Under Secretary and Associate Offices represents an increase of \$2.6 million above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment will allow the Under Secretary and Associate Offices to continue to provide centralized executive management and decisions concerning policy and planning objectives; statutory and other legal requirements; congressional relations; public and educational affairs; and strategic planning. The \$2.6 million includes the adjustment to base to offset cumulative effects of deferring past adjustments to base, the restoration of the FY 2001 rescission, in addition to an increase of \$67,000 to facilitate coordination of interagency and intra-agency efforts and to address the Administration's new priorities. In addition, this request includes \$1.1 million for the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services.

Policy Formulation and Direction

\$51.4 million

The total request of \$51.4 million for Policy Formulation and Direction represents an increase of \$2.6 million above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment will allow Policy Formulation and Direction to continue to provide for NOAA's overall management of personnel, acquisition and grants, finance, facilities and logistics, and information technology system. These offices have had to take "belt-tightening" measures such as stretching equipment-replacement schedules, reduce training, lapsing some replacement personnel and maintaining some vacancies.

Central Administration Support: \$32.2 million

The total request of \$32.2 million for Central Administration Support represents a decrease of \$842,000 below the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment will allow the four field offices to provide timely, high-quality, cost-effective administrative support to all of NOAA and to the Department of Commerce programs in the field, while ensuring that all laws, regulations, and guidelines are followed.

Educational Partnership Program with Minority Serving Institutions (EPPMSI): \$15.0 million

The total request of \$15.0 million for EPPMSI represents an increase of \$33,000 above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This initiative is one part of a larger Department of Commerce Center of Excellence Initiative. Minorities are under represented among the nation's professional scientists, and among NOAA's scientific personnel. This program will increase the number of minorities that graduate and receive training in the natural and physical sciences by establishing a Collaborative Science Center for each field of study at three MSIs, centered around distinguished faculties with expertise in these scientific disciplines. The funds will provide financial support for graduate study, an Environmental Entrepreneurship Program, and a student fellowship program targeted for third-year undergraduates. NOAA will also provide internship opportunities for these students. The number of minorities graduating with science and engineering degrees continues to be disturbingly low. By targeting students at MSIs, this initiative will provide NOAA and the MSIs with the means of strengthening their educational outreach to minority communities and populations, thus helping to correct this professional and educational imbalance.

Systems Acquisition Office (SAO): \$0.7 million

The total request of \$712,000 for the Systems Acquisition Office (SAO) represents an increase of \$2,000 above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment will allow SAO to provide oversight and control of acquisition of NOAA major systems and to assist NOAA organizations in the assessment of needs and development of future systems requirements. The SAO provides procurement and engineering expertise for complex systems acquisitions and technical projects throughout NOAA and effectively administers NOAA acquisition resources. The SAO has strengthened NOAA management of systems acquisition by consolidating responsibility for the design, procurement, and acceptance of new systems into a single NOAA acquisition office and by maintaining a balance among technical requirements, cost/schedule constraints, and user needs.

Restoration of DOC Security Appropriation: \$3.4 million

NOAA requests \$3.4 million for restoration of security funding for NOAA's facilities and personnel to the level funded in FY 2000. This will ensure that NOAA's personnel and assets are adequately and uniformly protected. The FY 2001 President's budget requested a separate line item in the Department of Commerce's budget to fund management and delivery of security services, with funds transferred from the various bureau's budgets to offset the new appropriation. The FY 2001 appropriation failed to provide the requested funding as a direct appropriation, nor did it restore NOAA budgets to support this critical function. Since this critical requirement must be maintained, NOAA is being forced to offset the cost by reducing programmatic requirements. This request will allow for the restoration of the funding requirement.

Procurement, Acquisition , and Construction (PAC)

CAMS

\$19.8 million

The PAC request of \$19.8 million for the Commerce Administrative Management System (CAMS) represents an increase of \$25,000 above the FY 2001 Enacted level. This continued investment will allow for the full benefit and value of CAMS to be realized in NOAA. CAMS is in the final stages of completion, and adequate funding will ensure that CAMS is deployed in a timely manner, allowing all modules to progress toward completion. Once fully deployed, CAMS will contribute in significant ways to maintaining a clean NOAA audit through systematic controls rather than through labor-intensive manual efforts. It will provide managers with on-line, real-time, and accurate financial information and will enable NOAA and DOC to meet statutory obligations under the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) and the Chief Financial Officer Act (CFO Act).